

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for taking the time to discuss the application with the undersigned.

The claims have been revised in a sincere attempt to place the case in condition for allowance. The claims basically have been amended as discussed with the Examiner; the Examiner is informed that two new Claims 13 and 14 have been added directed to other aspects of the invention discussed at pages 34 to 36 of the specification. The Examiner is reminded that new Claim 12 is based on the working examples. The claims before the Examiner thus are Claims 1 and 3-14.

The objection to Claim 2 was noted; no brackets appear in the claims before the Examiner.

The claims have also been revised to address the rejections under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Should the Examiner, following tier review of the claims as revised, believe that additional changes are needed, she is asked to contact the undersigned.

The rejection of Claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over Seta et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,287,705) in view of Yamamoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,412,020), if applied to the claims as amended, is respectfully traversed. As noted during the course of the discussion with the Examiner, Claim 1 has been amended to contain the features of now-canceled Claim 2, which sets out the specific formulae (1) and (2).

The disclosures in the primary and secondary references regarding various amide materials do not teach or suggest the formulae of the claims as they now read; as pointed out during the discussion, the claims specify that each of R¹ to R⁷ are particular groups and not hydrogen atoms. The primary reference at column 10, lines 47-49, mentions, but generally electron donors, including “nitrogen-containing electron donor compounds such as ammonia, amines, nitrites, isocyanates, etc”. The secondary reference at column 12, lines 57-58,

discloses as electron donors "acid amides, such as acetamide, benzamide and toluamide".

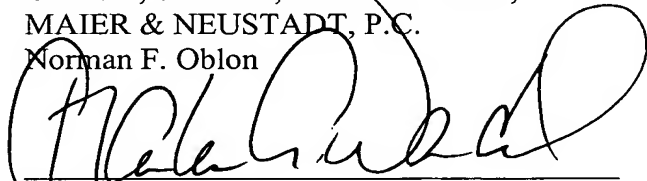
There is no teaching or suggestion in the cited references of the materials of Claim 1 being used in the systems of the present claims and the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner is thanked for acknowledging receipt of a certified copy of the priority document from the International Bureau and for listing references provided with Information Disclosure Statements.

In view of the foregoing revisions and remarks it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1 and 3-14 are in condition for allowance and a USPTO paper to those ends is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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